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DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller



9 August 1965

1. I talked with General Grothaus about his letter of 16 July and his desire to update Admiral Raborn on the new developments in the BW/CW field. He was aware of the briefing by the group from Fort Detrick last week, but he still felt that they have something interesting to tell Admiral Raborn and requested that I designate someone to work with his representative in setting up a short briefing for the Director. He will then leave it to our judgment as to whether we actually want to go ahead with it. I have designated [] of the Office of Research and Development. 25X1

2. I talked with [] about his new responsibility as focal point for liaison with the Joint War Games Agency. I emphasized [] that in this job he represented the entire Agency and that he should insure that we always have a first-class team to participate in these games. I asked that he brief me approximately two weeks before each game so that I will know the extent of our participation and can take steps, if necessary, to insure that our participation is adequate. He said that they were writing a memorandum to Tom Karamessines in opposition to CIA's sponsoring any of the games. I suggested that, while I too was not eager to sponsor a game, I thought we might reserve judgment until we have participated in two or three of the games. 25X1

3. John Warner telephoned to solicit my views about throwing a few nonintelligence tidbits to the various Congressional committees as the Director briefs them. I said that I was very much in favor of this as a matter of principle and suggested that he talk with John Clarke about the types of things which might be mentioned and which we could help him prepare. I added that the NPIC problem was very fresh in my mind and that I thought I could do a piece on this with a minimum of difficulty if they wanted to use it at the Rivers Committee meeting next Thursday, 12 August.

4. Matt Baird was in to talk with me about the Midcareer Course and the Training Selection Board. I told him that I had no intention of making any changes in these two activities and that, as far as I knew, neither the Director nor Deputy Director had any contrary views.

5. I participated with [] and Howard Osborn in a briefing for Dick Helms on the USIB Security Committee's and COMOR's positions 25X1

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on simplifying the T-KH and [redacted] While I think Dick's heart is with the Department of State in wanting to downgrade most of this material to Secret, he agreed to support Howard and Jim in their recommendation that we go forward with a rather large effort to downgrade T-KH material and that the [redacted] be changed to provide for three in lieu of fifteen clearances. He indicated, however, that he would probably want to take a new look at this in about six months.

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not going to be fully satisfied.

7. I talked with [redacted] about several items.

a. [redacted] reported that he talked to Dick Helms about exempting [redacted] who is a member of the Arlington County School Board, from rigid reporting in compliance with [redacted] Dick wanted this done orally. I told [redacted] that I concurred but that he should caution [redacted] not to forget to report anything significant which develops from his contacts.

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b. [redacted] complained about unqualified people charging in to use his Xerox machine. I told him to put whatever restraints he wanted on it, including a switch which would make it nonoperative except when one of his trained operators was operating it.

c. We talked again about Dr. Guthe's request to publicize some of our geographers. [redacted] said that Dick Helms wanted to see the request before any final action was taken. I told [redacted] that this was entirely consistent with my conversation with Dick and him on this subject some weeks ago.

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8. [redacted] reported that the Bureau of the Budget telephoned to say that General Motors had been in touch with them in a formal way inquiring about the Director's entitlement to a limousine. The staff discussed this with [redacted] who said that he would not honor Mr.

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Amory's previous commitment that the Director could have a limousine. [] said that, if he has to have a sliding glass panel between the front and rear seats, he should put one in a medium sedan. I reported this to the Director and asked Bob Bannerman to get some prices on what it would cost to custom-build such a panel. We can then decide what action to recommend to the Director.

9. I talked to Dick Helms about the appointment of [] as Deputy Director of the Office of Medical Services. He approved.

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10. Matt Baird was in to discuss with me again the question of whether there might be a full-time role for him as Chairman of the Training Selection Board and developing an Executive Development Program after he relinquishes his duties as Director of Training in January 1966. I said that I didn't think we should pursue this thought further and that he should plan to turn over the chairmanship of the Training Selection Board to the new Director of Training, John Richardson.

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